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I. AMENDMENTS

Please enter the following amendments without prejudice or disclaimer. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 5, 7, 8, 24-32, 39-41, and 48-50 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation or divisional application.

1. (Previously presented) A method for treating and/or ameliorating a symptom of neuronal damage associated with a cerebral ischemic condition in a mammalian subject, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of a non-alpha tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition, and by said administering, reducing neuronal damage related to said cerebral ischemic condition.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the non-alpha tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition is a gamma-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the non-alpha tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition is a beta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the non-alpha tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition is a delta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cerebral ischemic condition is secondary to an occlusion of the cerebral vasculature.

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- 2 10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5 wherein the occlusion is due to a thromboembolus.
- 7 11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cerebral ischemia is due to a spasm of the coronary vasculature.
- 8 12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cerebral ischemic condition is secondary to a cessation of cardiac function.
- 9 13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cerebral ischemic condition is secondary to a cardiopulmonary bypass procedure.
- 10 14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cerebral ischemic condition is secondary to a hemorrhagic event in the cerebral vasculature.
- 11 15. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said gamma-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 60% gamma-tocopherol.
- 12 16. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said gamma-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 65% gamma-tocopherol.
- 13 17. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said gamma-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 70% gamma-tocopherol.
- 14 18. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said gamma-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 75% gamma-tocopherol.
- 15 19. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said gamma-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 80% gamma-tocopherol.
- 16 20. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said gamma-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 85% gamma-tocopherol.
- 17 21. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said gamma-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 90% gamma-tocopherol.
- 18 22. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said gamma-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 95% gamma-tocopherol.

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- 19 ~~23~~. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said gamma-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 98% gamma-tocopherol.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Canceled)
26. (Canceled)
27. (Canceled)
28. (Canceled)
29. (Canceled)
30. (Canceled)
31. (Canceled)
32. (Canceled)
- 20 ~~33~~. (Original) The method of claim ~~2~~³ wherein said beta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 50% beta-tocopherol.
- 21 ~~34~~. (Original) The method of claim ~~4~~³ wherein said beta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 65% beta-tocopherol.
- 22 ~~35~~. (Original) The method of claim ~~4~~³ wherein said beta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 75% beta-tocopherol.
- 23 ~~36~~. (Original) The method of claim ~~4~~³ wherein said beta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 90% beta-tocopherol.
- 24 ~~37~~. (Original) The method of claim ~~4~~³ wherein said beta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 95% beta-tocopherol.
- 25 ~~38~~. (Original) The method of claim ~~4~~³ wherein said beta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 98% beta-tocopherol.
39. (Canceled)
40. (Canceled)
41. (Canceled)

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(Original) The method of claim ⁴6 wherein said delta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 50% delta-tocopherol.

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(Original) The method of claim ⁴6 wherein said delta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 65% delta-tocopherol.

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(Original) The method of claim ⁴6 wherein said delta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 75% delta-tocopherol.

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(Original) The method of claim ⁴6 wherein said delta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 90% delta-tocopherol.

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(Original) The method of claim ⁴6 wherein said delta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 95% delta-tocopherol.

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(Original) The method of claim ⁴6 wherein said delta-tocopherol enriched tocopherol composition comprises at least 98% delta-tocopherol.

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(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said composition is a nutritional composition.

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(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said composition is a pharmaceutical composition.

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(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said composition is administered orally.

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(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said composition is administered parenterally.

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(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said composition comprises a non-alpha tocopherol in a range of 1-1000 mg per kg body weight of said mammalian subject.

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(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said composition comprises a non-alpha tocopherol in a range of 1-50 mg per kg body weight of said mammalian subject.

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(Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said composition comprises a non-alpha tocopherol in a range of 10-100 mg per kg body weight of said mammalian subject.

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(Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said neuronal damage is neuronal cell death.

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(Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said neuronal damage is total cerebral infarct volume.

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(Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said neuronal damage is total cerebral ischemic damage.

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(Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said neuronal damage is cerebral tissue edema.

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(Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said neuronal damage is cognitive dysfunction.